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SUBJECT: BELIZE

1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO MINISTER OF
STATE TED ROWLANDS FROM UNDER SECRETARY HABIB:
QUOTE:

DEAR TED:

YOUR MESSAGE ON BELIZE WAS RECEIVED AND YOUR VIEWS
REFLECTED IN THE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND
PRESIDENT LAUGERUD. THE GUATEMALANS ARE ADAMANT THAT
THEY CANNOT ACCEPT THE MOHO RIVER LINE.

SECRETARY VANCE SUGGESTS THAT YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES
TAKE A LOOK AT THE POSSIBILITY OF MOVING THE LINE NORTH
OF THE MOHO TO PUNTA GORDA AND WESTWARD.

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WE UNDERSTAND YOU WILL BE HAVING SOME PRELIMINARY
TALKS WITH THE GUATEMALANS SHORTLY TO BE FOLLOWED BY
MEETINGS BETWEEN FOREIGN MINISTERS IN NEW YORK ON
SEPTEMBER 27. AT THE TIME THE TALKS BETWEEN THE FOREIGN
MINISTERS OCCUR, WE BELIEVE YOU SHOULD BE PREPARED TO
MAKE A FIRM OFFER IN BLUNT DISCUSSION, WITHOUT RESTRAINT,

TO MOVE THINGS TOWARD A SOLUTION.

WE REALIZE THAT YOU HAVE, IN THE PAST, POINTED OUT HOW DIFFICULT IT WOULD BE FOR YOU TO EVEN GO TO THE MOHO BUT WE MUST, IN ALL HONESTY, SAY TO YOU THAT ON THE BASIS OF OUR LATEST READING OF THE GUATEMALAN POSITION THIS WILL NOT BE SUFFICIENT FOR A BREAKTHROUGH UNDER THE LAUGERUD ADMINISTRATION. SOMETHING BEYOND THAT, HOWEVER, MIGHT DO THE JOB ALONG WITH THE OTHER ELEMENTS THAT YOU HAVE DISCUSSED IN YOUR PREVIOUS MEETINGS WITH THE GUATEMALANS.

THE SECRETARY WILL BE PREPARED TO TALK ABOUT THIS WITH DAVID OWEN WHEN THEY MEET IN NEW YORK. AS ALWAYS, WE ARE READY TO BE OF APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE AND HOW THAT MIGHT BE USEFULLY ACCOMPLISHED CAN BE CONSIDERED AT THAT TIME.

WITH VERY BEST WISHES,

SINCERELY,

PHILIP C. HABIB
UNQUOTE VANCE

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